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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	JAGGER AMY ET AL: "Reduced vagal sensory innervation of the small intestinal myenteric plexus following capsaicin treatment of adult rats." NEUROSCIENCE LETTERS, vol. 236, no. 2, 31 October 1997 (1997-10-31), pages 103-106, XP001039698 ISSN: 0304-3940 page 103, column 2, paragraph 2	23,25,26
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Present claims 1-6,9-16,19-23,26,27 relate to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely the activity as vanilloid receptor agonist, and of local anesthetic. The claims cover all products/compounds/methods/apparatus having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds mentioned in claim 7, optionally in combination with the compounds mentioned in claim 14.

Claims searched completely: 7,8,17-18,24,25.

Claims searched incompletely: 1-6,9-16,19-23,26,27.

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